Jesus: More than a Messenger May 14, 2023

*Hebrews 1:5-14 Guest Speaker: Christian Clement-Schlimm*

If Christ is not all to you, He is nothing to you … If He be something, He must be everything   
—Charles Spurgeon

Intro: Which Jesus are you worshipping?

1. A living faith embraces Jesus as Messiah
2. Jesus is the Son of God, the promised Messiah

v. 5 *For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?*

Genesis 3:15 *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*

1. Jesus is worthy of our worship

v. 6 *And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels worship him.”*

1. Jesus alone is our hope of salvation

* Acts 4:12 *And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*
* What difference does it make to your faith knowing that Jesus is the Son of God and promised Messiah, rather than just a messenger or servant of God?
* Why is it essential to trust in Jesus alone for your salvation? As opposed to Jesus *and* good works, rituals, or spiritual practices.

1. A surviving faith embraces Jesus as King
2. Jesus the king of creation

vv. 7-8a *Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire. But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever”*

1. Jesus rules righteously and cares for his people

vv. 8b-9 “*the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”*

1. Jesus alone is our hope of justice

Psalm 110:5 *The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.*

* How does your view of the world (political, economic, and social issues) change when you remember that Jesus is King?
* Why should the promise of a future “Judgment Day” be a source of hope and comfort in the present?

1. A grounding faith embraces Jesus as eternal
2. Jesus is the changeless creator

v. 10 *And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands”*

Colossians 1:16 *For by him all things were created ... through him and for him.*

1. Jesus is the timeless constant

vv. 11-12 “*they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”*

1. Jesus alone is our hope of eternity

John 6:40 *For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”*

* Why do people struggle so much with change, uncertainty, and the “unknown”? What makes them common sources of fear?
* How does knowing Jesus is eternal and changeless, and that he promises us eternal life with Him, counter those fears?

1. A thriving faith embraces Jesus as our peace
2. Jesus is and will be victorious

v. 13 *And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?*

1. The angels care for Jesus’ people and their salvation

* v. 14 *Are they not all* *ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?*

1. Jesus alone is our hope of peace

* Revelation 21:4 *He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more…*
* Does it ever feel like God doesn’t care or is an absentee father? How does this passage challenge those thoughts?
* Jesus will one day bring about total victory and perfect peace. What are some examples of victories he’s already won and peace he’s already provided?

Study ahead: Next week, we’ll study Luke 6:37-42.

Notes